

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 7/18/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-8, 11-15 and 17-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Jacobs on 9/8/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

- In the descriptive portion of the specification: At page 4 (according to the Applicant's pagination), line 11, after the sentence "The memory and disk storage devices will generally store data...generated by the processor.", add:

The term "memory and disk storage devices" can encompass any computer readable medium, such as a computer hard disk, computer floppy disk, computer readable flash drive, computer-readable RAM or ROM element or equivalent means of encoding digital information on a physical medium. The term "programs" can encompass any computer program product consisting of computer-readable program instructions encoded on a computer readable medium.

- In the descriptive portion of the specification: At page 3 (according to the Applicant's pagination), line 6: "*FIGS. 3, 3A through 3E depicts a mesh representing a surface...*"; line 10: "*FIGS. 6, 6A through 6E depicts a flow chart describing...*"; line 12: "*FIGS. 7, 7A through 7D depicts a flow chart describing...*".

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- In claims 3-7, 11-15, and 17-21: A ~~fine to coarse level mesh generating arrangement~~ computer program product for use in connection with a computer to provide a fine-to-coarse level mesh generating arrangement for generating a coarse level mesh representation representing a surface, from a finer level mesh representation, the arrangement comprising computer program product comprising a computer-readable medium having encoded thereon:
 - A. computer-readable program instructions executable to provide an indicator value generator module configured to enable the computer to, for respective ones of the points in the finer level surface representation, evaluate an indicator function to generate an indicator value...;
 - B. computer-readable program instructions executable to provide a coarse level mesh generator module configured to enable the computer to determine, for each of the points...; and
 - C. computer-readable program instructions executable to provide a Laplacian generator module configured to enable the computer to generate a Laplacian value for said....
- In claim 8: A ~~computer-readable program product arrangement~~ computer-readable program product as defined....
- In the title: ~~Computer graphics system and~~ Computer-implemented method for generating coarse level meshes for multi-resolution surface editing.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason M. Repko whose telephone number is 571-272-8624. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 am -5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ulka Chauhan can be reached on 571-272-7782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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